



# Assumption Junior School

## Newsletter December 2025



### LauraLynn Fundraiser

This year's LauraLynn Children's Hospice Fundraiser on December 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success and €771.75 in total was raised on the day. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the hospice. For more information about the work of LauraLynn follow this link: <https://www.lauralynn.ie/>

### Christmas Carols

Thank you to our Second Class girls and their teachers Ms O'Sullivan, Ms McDermott and Ms McGovern who hosted a beautiful Christmas Carols concert in the church on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to Fr Glennon for allowing us to hold the concert in the parish church. It was a wonderful way to get us into the festive spirit!

### Christmas Mass Times in the Parish Church

**Christmas Eve 6pm**

**Christmas Day 11.30am**

**St. Stephen's Day (Dec 26<sup>th</sup>) 10am as normal**

**Children can bring their own baby Jesus from their crib at home to mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for a special blessing.**

### Junior Infant Christmas Show

We were treated to a wonderful Junior Infants musical extravaganza this month, when all the boys and girls put on a performance of seasonal songs for family and friends. A big thank you to all the adults who were able to come and watch the show and a particular thanks must go to all the teachers and SNAs who were involved in the production. A lot of hard work and time goes into preparing the boys and girls for their moment in the spotlight! Special thanks too to Mr Callaghan who accompanied the singers so beautifully on piano.

### Christmas Cards

A huge thank you to our fantastic Parents' Association who brought back the Christmas card tradition to the school this year. The children put great effort into their cards, and they are a wonderful memento for parents to keep and send to family and friends. In total €946 was raised and will go towards our classroom refurbishment fund. Thank you for your continued support.

### Christmas Noticeboards Competition

Our annual Christmas Noticeboard Competition was as hotly contested as ever! All classrooms took part and the children and some very competitive staff, came up with amazingly festive displays, as you can see. This week the classes did a walk around inspection and voted for their favourite boards. The winners this year were rooms 6, 12, 37, 14, 17. Congratulations!

### Enrolments 2026 / 2027

Enrolments for the 2026/2027 school year will open on January 5<sup>th</sup> and remain open until January 27<sup>th</sup>. All applications must be made online via our website and further information on enrolment criteria is available from our website here: <https://www.assumptionjns.com/enrolment.html>



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A selection of some of our Christmas Noticeboard Competition entries



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### BOM Response to Parents' Child Safeguarding Survey 2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to our recent Child Safeguarding Survey. In total we received 134 responses, an increase of 35 from last year. The breakdown of responses is as follows:

**Question 1: Do you think that the children are safe and well protected in school?**

YES: 134

NO: 0

**Question 2: Do you think that the school is complying with its child safeguarding requirements?**

YES: 133

NO: 1

Regarding question 2 above, we as a school take child safeguarding very seriously and if any parent ever has any concerns around this, please make an appointment to meet the principal Jean Leonard, to air your concerns. We are always open to suggestions that make our school a safer place for the children.

**Question 3: Do you know who the school's Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for child safeguarding is?**

YES: 102

NO: 32

Regarding question 3 above every school has a DLP for Child Safeguarding. Although all teachers are what's known as "mandated persons" meaning they have a legal responsibility to report any child protection concerns, the DLP is a resource to any staff member who has a child protection concern. DLPs are responsible for **ensuring that reporting procedures are followed correctly and promptly and act as a liaison person with other agencies**. In most schools the DLP is the principal and the deputy DLP is the Deputy Principal. It is the same here in Assumption Junior School. Jean Leonard is the DLP, and Julie McCann is the DDLP.

**Question 4: Comments on Child Safeguarding**

In the open comments section people raised the issue of buildings overlooking the school. Please be assured that when the children are in our care during the day, they are always supervised by members of staff and we are always mindful of the proximity of other buildings.

All visitors to the school are accompanied by school staff when on the premises and anyone who works with the children (teachers, SNAs etc.) are fully vetted.

The issue of parents entering the corridors when dropping their children off late was raised. We would ask all parents not to do this, but rather to wait for the teacher on the door to return from dropping other late children to class. We have members of teaching staff positioned on all entrance doors from 8:50am to 9am daily. After that time all latecomers should enter through the front door.

Thank you,

The Board of Management.

### School Reopening:

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026: School reopens at the usual times.**

**Happy Christmas to all our pupils and their families.**